

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend claims 7, 8, 19, 23 and 27.
2. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 7, 8 and 19-29 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication 2003/0056036 to Carlton. All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

All independent claims have been amended to clarify previously extant limitations for sake of emphasis. The independent claims refer to three devices: (1) an apparatus to be controlled; (2) a controlling apparatus; and (3) a device attached to the apparatus to be controlled. When there is a change in a specification for the device attached to the apparatus to be controlled, identification information which identifies a specification of the apparatus to be controlled is changed by being modified with the specification of the attached device. The independent claims require that the changed identification information for the apparatus to be controlled (which identification information has been modified with the specification of the attached device) be obtained from a memory and transmitted from the apparatus to be controlled to the controlling apparatus.

U.S. Publication 2003/0056036 to Carlton discloses a connecting test device 12 which sends a pass/fail message to USB host 14 in step 80. This pass/fail message is generated after analyzing the communication between USB host 14 and USB device 18 (see [0041] of Carlton). One example of this analyzed communication is a “Get

Descriptor” command (see [0035]), or “Set Descriptor” request (see [0052]-[0053]). However, the Carlton does not disclose or suggest that the message represents the specification of the connecting test device 12.

That U.S. Publication 2003/0056036 to Carlton fails to teach or suggest transmission of a specification of the test device 12 is evidenced, e.g., by paragraph [0027] of Carlton, reproduced below in part:

The tester 12 is a **‘pass through’ device that is invisible to computer 14 and the USB device 18**, allowing the communication between the host computer 14 and USB device 18 to occur **without interference**. (emphasis added)

The foregoing quote and other portions of U.S. Publication 2003/0056036 to Carlton clearly show that no message sent to Carlton’s USB host 14 includes information about tester 12, much less identification information about tester 12, since tester 12 is manifestly a passive through device that is invisible to USB host 14.

Carlton thus fails to teach or suggest at least this aspect of the independent claims, and therefore the prior art rejections must fall.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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